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They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

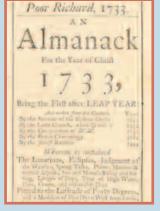
Benjamin Franklin

1706-1790



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ROSE FROM HUMBLE origins to become one of the most celebrated of America's Founding Fathers. A man of boundless curiosity and drive, Franklin became a successful author, printer, and publisher, best known for the homespun wisdom of his *Poor Richard's Almanack*. Drawn to science, Franklin gave us the lightning rod and bifocal eyeglasses. An advocate of civic improvement in his adopted home city of Philadelphia, he helped found a library, a volunteer fire company, an academy (later the University of Pennsylvania), and a hospital. As a

statesman, Franklin helped Independence and the U.S. vital wartime alliance with of American independence, to abolish slavery. Above: Franklin helped prove the connection between electricity and proverbs Franklin published from 1733 to 1759.



draft both the Declaration of Constitution, and negotiated a France. A champion in the cause he spent his final years working

flies a kite in a thunderstorm, a famous experiment that lightning. Left: Poor Richard's Almanack, a collection of Opposite: Franklin portrait by David Martin, c.1772.